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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 22, 2004, for which Response is being submitted before the due date of July 22, 2004.

Restriction was made with respect to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 22-28, drawn to an airflow control system, classified in class 429, subclass 17.
- II. Claims 12-21, drawn to a method for controlling airflow to a fuel cell, classified in class 429, subclass 13.

Applicants hereby elect Group I; i.e., Claims 1-11 and 22-28, drawn to an airflow control system, classified in class 429, subclass 17.


It is respectfully submitted that no undue burden is placed upon the prosecution by examination of all claims. All of the claims fall in class 429 and closely arranged subclasses 13 and 17.

By this present submission, Applicants make no admission as to the correctness of the requirement and this submission is being made to further prosecution to allowable subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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